

## **Senator Mitch Seabaugh Senate District 28**

Senator Mitchell W. Seabaugh was first elected to the Georgia State Senate. In 2002, only his second term, his Republican colleagues elected him the Majority Whip, a position he held until 2010. He serves on the Finance Committee and is secretary of the Reapportionment and Redistricting Committee and the Rules Committee. He is also a member of the Appropriations, Judiciary and the Regulated Industries and Utilities committees.

Sen. Seabaugh serves on the Georgia Film, Video and Music Advisory Commission, as well as the Georgia Music Hall of Fame Committee. He also serves on the Suggested Legislation Committee for the Council of State Governments. Additionally, he serves on the Advisory Council on Energy, the Energy and Electric Standing Committee, the Redistricting and Elections Standing Committee, and the Transportation Standing Committee for the National Conference of State Legislators.

Sen. Seabaugh received service awards from the Association of County Commissioners of Georgia and Georgia Municipal Association in 2005. He is the Georgia Utility Contractors Association Legislator of the Year for both 2005 and 2006. In 2003, he was honored by the Fayette Chamber of Commerce with the Chet Wells Award for Exemplary Service.

The Georgia Family Council (GFC) recognized Sen. Seabaugh in 2004 by awarding him their Family Honors Award for Public Policy for his efforts on behalf of Georgia families. He also received the Family Service Award from GFC for 2003 and 2005. The Georgia Athletic Trainers Association named Sen. Seabaugh as their Legislator of the Year in 2004.

Within his community, Sen. Seabaugh once served as the chairman of the Coweta County Business License and Tax Appeal Board and served on the Coweta County School Board Citizens' Advisory Council. He coached youth baseball in the Newnan and the Sharpsburg youth leagues, and also actively supports band programs and once served as a chaperone and band photographer for the Northgate High School Band.

Sen. Seabaugh formerly represented his district as an executive committee member of the Coweta County Republican Party for six years. In 1996, he served as the Coweta County Chairman for the Bob Dole for President campaign. He also served on the 3<sup>rd</sup> District Committee and the Georgia Republican Party State Committee.

Sen. Seabaugh was born in Cape Girardeau, Missouri, also the hometown of Rush Limbaugh. In 1980, he married the former Leah Huddleston. Mitch and Leah live in East Coweta County. They are members of Southcrest Church in Newnan. They have two children, Karen and Ryan, and three grandchildren. In addition to serving in the state Senate, his other interests include golf, reading and playing the bass guitar in his church band.